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ATTN: Decision and Certificates of Correction  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF  
CORRECTION AND REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 3.81**

Sir:

A Request for a Certificate of Correction was filed in the referenced patent application on December 8, 2005, seeking to correct the name of the assignee printed on the front of the patent. One assignee was correctly printed but the other assignee was omitted due to an error in the PTOL-85 Form filed upon the payment of the issue fee.

At the time of requesting the Certificate of Correction, the fee of \$100 for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction due to the mistake of the Applicants pursuant to 35 USC 1.20(a) was submitted. In addition, through error, Applicants submitted a petition for suspension of the rules pursuant to 37 CFR 1.183 and the petition fee of \$400 that pertains to that kind of petition. In fact, the petition was in error and the application for correction of the issued patent should have been made pursuant to 37 CFR 3.81. The processing fee pursuant to 37 CFR 3.81 is \$130, not \$400.



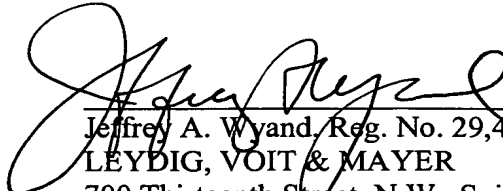
The request for a Certificate of Correction was denied January 6, 2006. That denial made incorrect reference to a processing fee under 37 CFR 1.117(h), a regulatory section that does not exist. The reference should have been to 37 CFR 1.17(i). The proper processing fee is, as insisted by Mr. Henry Randall, is \$130. Applicants' representative apologizes for any incorrect and inappropriate response to Mr. Randall in a subsequent telephone conversation. The former practice, before adoption of 37 CFR 3.18, required a Petition to Suspend the Rules pursuant to 37 CFR 1.183 for which the petition fee is now \$400.

Accordingly, Applicants now renew their request for Certificate of Correction based upon the previously filed proposed certificate and the request that the correct processing fee of \$130 be charged to Deposit Account 12-1216.

In accordance with 37 CFR 3.81 Applicants point out that the assignment for the patent application that, through a continuation application, issued as U.S. Patent 6,955,178, was recorded in the assignment records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 011223, Frame 0353. That assignment is from the inventors to Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha and SPC Electronics Corp.

Reconsideration and prompt issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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